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In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed August 24, 2007, please enter the following comments regarding the application identified above as follows:

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REMARKS

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed August 24, 2007, Applicants make the following Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance presented by the Examiner in the Office Action of August 24, 2007, at 3, line 13, to at 4, line 11. The Examiner's Reasons for Allowance paraphrases the language of the allowed claims. Therefore, to the extent that the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance mischaracterize the allowed claims 1, 4, 6, 8 and 10-23, Applicants object. Nonetheless, Applicants agree that the claimed invention would not have been obvious at the time the invention was made, and that no prima facie showing of anticipation or obviousness could be made in view of the prior art of record.

Questions are welcomed by the below-signed attorney for Applicants.

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